



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2022, 4:09pm to 5:17pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via WebEx

Advisory Board-Present: Dan Weaver, Eric Fuller, Jim Malinowski, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Kent Cash, Lloyd Lycan, Mark Daniels, Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Rick DeNise

Advisory Board-Not Present: Dave Nelson, Jim Pearson

Clark County Staff and Leadership: Kevin Tyler, Rocky Houston, Denielle Cowley

BYCX: Randy Williams (Not present-emailed communication)

Guests: Ben Ritter, Jackie Lane, Steve Jagelski

4:09pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:11pm May 9, 2022, minutes adopted (Motion by Jim Malinowski, Second by Lloyd Lycan)

BYCX Activities – Randy Williams:

- Engine 1 repaired
 - Minor electrical issues corrected
 - Water leaks that damaged cab repaired
 - New flooring installed
 - Will allow BYCX to resume normal business operations starting Father's Day weekend
- Track repair at MP 25.3
 - Damaged caused by vehicle at curve repaired by West Rail
- Track Inspections
 - WA State Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) conducted track inspections from MP 24.5 to MP 20 over 3 days in mid-May
 - UTC inspector, Dan Larson, said tracks were looking much better
 - There were minor items such as loose bolts and a few bad ties at joints but no violations or conditions that would prevent operations
 - Planning track repair late June and early July
- Vandalism to caboose 10559
 - Due to diesel engine issues two cabooses were dropped at Moulton Falls Station – MP 24.3
 - Over Memorial Day weekend teens pelted the caboose with rocks, breaking three windows
 - In process of procuring FRA type II safety glass replacements
 - Report filed with CCSO
 - BYCX alerted of posts on Instagram showing damage
 - No security cameras

- Town of Yacolt Carnival held May 23, 2022
 - Sponsored by Impact Auto Repair
 - Set up on vacant acreage north of the railroad parking lot
 - Certificate of Liability Insurance, both from carnival provider and Impact Auto, were furnished to Clark County, BYCX and PVJR
- Steam Engine #10
 - 1472 inspection going well
 - Waiting for replacement stay bolts-manufacturer having production issues due to manpower shortages- once bolts are received/installed we can proceed with replacing boiler tubes
 - Steam mechanic has been in contact with traveling FRA inspector to coordinate inspections in a timely manner
- Upcoming Activities
 - Rumor has it that the traveling train robbers may be in the area, targeting our trains the 3rd weekend in July and 3rd weekend in August
 - Also, during a recent séance, it was predicted that a headless horseman may appear on the last weekend in October, just before Halloween.

County Activities – Kevin Tyler:

- Introduce Denielle Cowley – New Lands Coordinator and will be helping Kevin and Rocky with the railroad
- RRB 1230 – 1.4 million grant for track/roadbed rehab work on lower section up to Battle Ground
 - Working toward final set of specifications and estimates for bid
 - Looked at Staff Report and notice to contractors today – target date of 9/6/22 for when bids would be received
 - Notice to contractors will be published early August
- GCB 3592 - 2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair and then more roadbed rehab mostly in northern sections)
 - Continue to work with Eric Temple at PVJR and our partner at State of Washington State to get the scope of work finalized with what we're building
 - Project Manager will be taking over to get project rolling
- OPMA Training Requirements
 - Should have received link to training – if not, contact Kevin
 - Certify you've taken the training by signing certificate
- RRAB Roster/Email Updates
 - Make sure contact information on roster is correct and up to date

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- Update bylaws, county code and mission statement (Kent Cash)
 - Bylaws
 - Took existing bylaws and edited and formatted that was more routine – not a lot of significant changes
 - Review bylaws – questions can be brought up at next meeting
 - Mission Statement
 - Review revised statement – better describes what we want to accomplish – talk about at next meeting
 - County Code
 - When initially set up there was more interest (DOT, USFS, Chamber of Commerce)
 - Board has evolved

- Changed code so there are no reserve spots for individual groups
- Proposing board evaluates needs going forward and adjusts board accordingly
- Needs to go through County Council – Kevin will find out process
- Code also changed because we are now County Council as opposed to Commissioners
- Send comments to Dan by next meeting
- PVJR Car count – close to level that he was at in 2017/2018

New Business – Dan Weaver

- Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Meeting Summary – See handout
 - Meeting held at Hockinson High School – poorly represented the railroad to community by planning group
 - Sub-Committee met with Brush Prairie – tried to address concerns raised by neighborhood
 - Recommendation to County Council to give railroad the Lagler property (primarily)
 - Dan attended meetings after being contacted by the transportation group regarding the uncontrolled railroad crossings in the neighborhood – concerns about safety and access to roads should an accident occur
 - Results are in the memo from Rick dated December 17, 2021
 - Neighborhood not in support of freight rail dependent use
 - Needs to be balance of rights per Jim Malinowski
 - Need to be more conversations and education per Rick DeNise
 - Map shows freight rail dependent use overlay can be modified to mitigate some neighborhood concerns
- Sub-committee for agenda items
 - Up-coming elections – how can we best present the railroad to elected officials
 - Update property taxes –John putting together fact sheet
 - Talk to current County Councilors – majority are railroad supporters

Public Comment – Dan Weaver:

- Steve Jagelski
 - Lives on Laurin Rd which was mentioned in Greater Brush Prairie report
 - Believes it would be great improvement for schools – beneficial for kids to see different jobs available through railroad and businesses going around it
 - Ag 20 where he lives, and you cannot make a business out of this – when farmers spray he gets concerned when kids are playing at recess
 - Time for change called growth
 - Thanked everyone for their work with Greater Brush Prairie neighborhood
- Ben Ritter (Train Safe Eccentrics)
 - Recently hired to help the county update its Roadway Worker Protection Plan and other FRA requirements
 - Looking forward to working with RRAB

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver: None

5:17pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: July 11, 2022
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: TBD